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I TAKE this opportunity to respond, as a Member of the Congress of the United States, to the broadcast of the proceedings of the Tenth National Convention of the Communist Party of the United States, held recently in New York City.

I trust that the good sense of the American people will prevent the great majority from being deluded by specious appeals in behalf of "democracy" and "peace" which emanate from the leaders of an organization, dedicated to the revolutionary overthrow of all existing forms of government, outside of Soviet Russia.

As the well-known commentator, Frederick William Wile, has said:

Communism in the United States has just washed its face, put on a clean collar, splashed a bit of white and blue into its flag of red and generally dolled itself up to look as 100 per cent American as possible. That, at any rate, seems to be the impression (they) desire to put across to the incredulous people of this country.

Their new constitution breathes "devotion to democracy and the American principle of freedom." "But the American people must be shown." They well know what bait is.

Mere incantation of the names of Jefferson, Paine, Jackson, and Lincoln will hardly suffice to convince the people of the United States that the aims of the party are not in fact subversive of our political institutions, our economic ideals, and our republican form of government.

However, it seems to me particularly important at this time that I should call your attention to some indisputable facts.

One outstanding fact is that Mr. Earl Browder, the spokesman for the Communist convention in the recent broadcast, wrote not long ago in his textbook, *What Is Communism?* the following words:

The revolution does not simply happen; it must be made. . . . The Communist Party, as the vanguard of the most conscious toilers, acts as their organizer and guide.

And he also wrote:

Soldiers and sailors come from the ranks of the workers. They can be, and must be, won for the revolution.

And, in italics, he goes on to say:

All revolutions have been made with weapons which the overthrown rulers had relied on for their protection.

I venture to say that there is not much "democracy" and "peace" in those words. The blurb about "democracy" and "peace" is the Trojan horse of Dimitrov by which the Communists hope to sneak into political power in America with their real purpose hidden. More than that, we all know that actions are what count—not words.

The assembled delegates to the Communist convention in New York greeted with a tremendous ovation the naming of Joseph Stalin, dictator of Russia, to the Honorary Presiding Committee. The Russian Communist Party was hailed as "Brother Party." That ovation was given in America—mind you! This tribute was to Stalin, the absolute master of the enslaved peo-

ple of Russia. If anyone takes exception to the term "enslaved people of Russia," let me say this in answer: The peasants of Russia were invited by the Communist leaders of the Russian Revolution to divide the property of the large landowners, and take it into their own possession. But no sooner had the Communist leaders consolidated their power, than all the land which the peasants owned, in the first instance, and in their own right, and, in the second instance, what they had confiscated from the large landowners, were expropriated by the all-powerful Communist state.

In other words, every free farmer in Russia reverted to a state of serfdom, from which he had been released some sixty years ago by the action of even an autocratic Tsar. That sounds extraordinary, but it is true. It is just a taste of Communist "democracy" in action—the brand of "democracy" they would foist on this country.

Let me point out to you another action of this Tenth National Convention of the Communist Party. It also gave a great ovation to the naming of George Dimitrov to the Honorary Presiding Committee. Dimitrov is the executive head of the Communist International, an organization dedicated to the promotion of world revolution, the abolition of religion, and the complete confiscation of all private property.

Need I call your attention to the fact that these outstanding leaders of the Communist movement, who are honorary members of the presiding committee of this convention of the United States Communist Party held in New York, have democratically purged their organization of all who disagreed with Stalin by putting them before the firing squads of the Soviet Union, after extorting "confessions" through the terrors of indescribable tortures. That is "democracy" with a vengeance! That is the sort of "democracy" some of our misguided citizens, in high and low places, are supporting.

Here is another act of this Communist Convention,

to which I desire to call your attention. The delegates sent their "warmest revolutionary greetings to the Communist International and its helmsman, George Dimitrov, true comrade-in-arms of Stalin." To Stalin they sent their "heartfelt enthusiasm and love," as the "commander in chief of forces which are blazing a trail to a Soviet America." That message was sent by an alleged American political party which seeks the support of the "liberal democracy" of the United States, and prates of "peace."

Make no mistake about what these people have in mind. When those revolutionary greetings were sent to the leaders in control of Russia, the senders were thinking of civil war, nothing more or less. For years their support in plans and money has come from Communist Russia.

The message to Dimitrov assured him that it was at the Seventh Congress of the Communist International (held in August, 1935) that the American Communists "learned how victory was to be achieved." It was at that congress, by the way, that Dimitrov spoke of the Trojan horse which Communists must bring into the democratic camp in order to destroy it.

The plot now clearly unfolds. Always remember the Communist tactics are not crude. They are extremely subtle—so much so that only a subtle analysis will expose them. The Communist action in any democracy is to drive a Trojan horse into the ranks of unthinking Democrats, only to unload its horde of revolutionists at the proper moment. It is inconceivable that the American people can be so deceived as to make a pet of this horse.

There would be no chance of the rank and file of our people succumbing to this foreign deception, were it not for the leadership of many persons in high positions of public office, college, social work, and church. These parlor Bolsheviks, inspired before the fireplace and by the reading of Karl Marx, have taken up this cult "in a

serious way" as a speedy solution of all the social and economic ills of our people. No old tried American way will suit them. To be a Socialist or a Communist is to become "modern." Nothing is to be done in the old way these days. To them democracy was outmoded with the horse and buggy. This is the day of the isms—nudism, atheism, Communism.

Let me say in passing that there is no basis for the statements that any one racial group forms the nucleus of the Communist Party in the United States. Nearly all racial strains are represented, and it is interesting to note there is not a Jew among the recognized leaders of the Communist Party in America.

Such mouthings from long-haired professors and short-haired social workers, who keep their maiden names, although married, are responsible for such organizations as the "Youth Movement," the "Students' Union," and the "Young Communist League," formed to organize our college students and our boys and girls into revolutionary organizations. They have penetrated our Civilian Conservation Camps, creating dissatisfaction and unrest and "class consciousness"—as they call it—among the hundreds of thousands of young men we took off the streets to save them from worse fates—including Communism. Likewise have the Communists made efforts to swing into line such fine old American organizations of our boys and girls as the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Hebrew Young Men's Association, and other clubs and groups of our priceless youth.

A recent report of a committee of the Massachusetts Legislature found that the Communists had gained control of our maritime commerce and now sought to control labor on our railroads so as to "paralyze the country" in time of war.

In their plan the Communists are driving to mobilize our 400,000 technicians in major industries, because it was through such workers that Trotsky accom-

plished his coup in Petrograd. He boasted that he accomplished his aim "by hurling storming parties of technical experts and armed men led by engineers against the city's industries, transportation, communication, light, power, gas, water, etc." One thousand such men were all he needed to subject a great city and ultimately a nation. Some evidence of this possibility will occur to my listeners, when they recollect that only last summer at Lansing, Mich., seventeen striking technicians tied up all such services on which 800,000 people depended for existence.

Most pacifist organizations, however innocent may be the names they bear, are also the handiwork of the Communists.

Of course, the most fertile field, in which they accomplish most, is among our working people. For nearly nine years our workers have gone through an unparalleled time of stress due to unemployment and its accompanying lack of food, clothing, and housing. Our Government has done all it could to alleviate this suffering, but within its necessary limitations, it has only scratched the surface of the problem.

In the meantime, the Communists have been at work among our laboring people—in the old established unions themselves and in the new ones, with very substantial results. Our Negro workers, who during most of the depression have suffered most, have been an easy prey to their vulture-like attack.

The millions of our workers on W. P. A. and those receiving other Government assistance have been the easiest prey of all. The "Workers' Alliance," the mouthpiece of W. P. A. workers, is an out and out Communist organization. In the large centers, such as New York City, it is openly acknowledged that a deserving worker has difficulty staying on W. P. A. work unless he joins and pays dues to this Communist organization, the "Workers' Alliance."

There is a magazine published weekly in New York

City, called the *Red Pen*. It is admittedly and boastfully a Communistic sheet. It is published by Communistic W. P. A. workers in W. P. A. headquarters and printed at Government expense out of W. P. A. funds.

Among the city employees of the City of New York there is a Communist unit or "cell"—as they used to appropriately call it—that publishes a pamphlet in which they describe themselves as Communists.

Nor has our Army or Navy been free from the inroads of this monster—Communism. The Communists are propagandizing our organizations of national defense, all in line with their admitted plan to make us defenseless in time of war.

America may wake up to all this when it is just too late.

Surely, our people ought to pay some attention to this wave which seems about to engulf us, when they realize the movement is under the leadership of Mr. Earl Browder, recent Communist candidate for President—and especially should our people be concerned, when they recollect he is the same Mr. Earl Browder who served a term in Leavenworth Penitentiary during the World War for being an objector to military service. It is the same Mr. Browder who advises his Communist followers to "work in secret—not to disclose their identity"—but to always bear in mind the ultimate objective of Communism—"to seize state power."

A great American once referred to "fooling the people." I am one who does not believe they can be long fooled, but it would be a deplorable thing if democracy in the United States should fall because, for one moment, a vast number of the people of our country were deluded by the poisonous froth of an iniquitous conspiracy against the liberty and freedom of America.

The whole plot at the Communist convention was to make Americans fall for the bluff that the Communist Party has "gone American," and really believes in "democracy."

Here is still another fact for you to think about. At the headquarters of the Communist organization in New York City, they are selling a booklet on religion which ought to be in the hands of every person who believes in God, regardless of the particular creed which he professes. Everyone who reads it would then know why the Communist youth of Spain has used her beautiful religious monuments as targets for gunfire and subjected women of Religious Orders to outrage and death.

Here is some of the poison this vile document disseminates. Just listen to this:

The priests of every cult have their own way of deluding the masses. The Jewish rabbi, the Roman Catholic priest, the Russian orthodox priest, the Mohammedan mullah, the evangelist, Baptist, and other ministers of religion, each has his own way of fooling the people.

And again, let me quote:

We must, therefore, convince the masses that Communism and religion cannot go together, that it is not possible to be a Communist and at the same time believe in devils or gods, in heavenly creatures, in the Virgin Mary, in the saints. . . . It is impossible to be a Communist-Leninist and at the same time go to church, listen to the lies of the priests, and take part in the performance of religious rites; that is, give support to the religious hocus-pocus, and so forth.

In spite of the foregoing, the most recent "trick" or "boring from within," of the Communists, has been to hold out bait to inveigle the support of the Catholics to their cause.

At the recent New York convention, Mr. Browder spoke for nearly an hour, advising the delegates to concentrate on the enrollment of Catholics in the Communist cause, particularly those of the working class. "We extend the hand of brotherly cooperation to Catholics," said Mr. Browder. Imagine that!

Why, it was only on April 13 of this year that all Communist units in the United States were advised

that each member must concentrate on combating the Catholic Church and further, mind you, that any Catholic who voted in Congress against the "Reorganization bill" must be "put on the spot" and defeated.

Again the innocent-looking "Trojan horse" is to be driven into the midst of the largest group in the United States which has been fighting Communism—the enemy most feared by Communism—the Catholic Church. Would that other groups had earlier seen the dark shadow of this menace, had discerned this "gloved hand," and joined with the leaders of the Catholic Church and its laymen in standing at the dikes to repel this tidal wave.

Of course, no thinking Catholic who has the slightest conception of what the principles for which America or his Church stands will be beguiled by this false pretense. Any Catholic gullible enough to swallow this Communist pretense will find himself "liquidated" with the others. Not only is Communism pledged to destroy the Catholic Church but all other religions as well.

If there has been any holding back by the leaders of any other religious sects in our land—of free religious worship—from joining in this fight against Communism—believing it is especially aimed at Catholicism, they will be sadly deluded. As has been quoted heretofore Communism aims to destroy all religions. In the debacle, none will survive. Surely an intelligent conception of this on the part of the church leaders of all sects, Jew and Christian, in our land should inspire them to join hands and cooperate at once against the common enemy—Communism.

Surely all religions must be opposed to the degradation of human personality. No church stands today in the Soviet Union—even the family is extinct.

It must occur to thinking Americans that to even tolerate Communism as some of our "best citizens" seem to be doing, must result in economic collapse, such as France is suffering today—yes; even such as our

own country is now going through. That Communism, by whatever sweet name it is called, has contributed to our own present condition, no thoughtful American can deny. The ideology of that movement has made inroads in our political and economic philosophy during these years of depression. It is reflected in some legislation. A continuance of our people submitting to this ideology could only result in one end—the precipitating of the kind of a situation that Communism requires for the successful culmination of its strategy. The insincere mouthing of “democracy” by the Communists is really not a part of Communist ideology; it is Communist strategy.

“Liberalism” as we know it is as far apart from Communism as the two poles. Such theories can just not live in the same place. Karl Marx hated liberalism and devoted his life to destroying it. No honest “liberal” can for one moment tolerate Communism.

Some public officials cannot be depended upon in this fight, which is one to preserve America and its institutions. Some Communists—not many—have votes, and some officeholders and officeseekers would offend no minority, however small. To such lengths has this demagoguery gone that at this very moment you could count on the fingers of one hand, the prominent public officials who have raised their voices against this enemy of our country.

Some of them have tried to deter me from “sticking my chin out,” as the expression goes. Their theory is to “offend nobody,” not even the country’s enemy; “play ball” with all groups; be “all things to all men”; follow the “line of least resistance”; that is the happy heyday of the demagogue.

Allow me to express the hope that no American will, for one moment, be deluded by any statement made by any Communist leader that the Communist Party of the United States is not a part of the world revolutionary conspiracy, the leadership of which is located in

Moscow. I have shown you from the proceedings of the Tenth National Convention of this Party, held in New York, that they still recognize Moscow as the headquarters and home of the leadership of this worldwide revolutionary conspiracy.

Just recently they have substituted the word "affiliated" with the Communist International, for the statement that the Communist Party is the "American section of the Communist International." Through a little carelessness, I suppose, but certainly with truth, the New York *Daily Worker*, the "central organ of the Communist Party of the U. S. A.," where Mr. Browder has his office, up to a few days ago, printed in parentheses under its title "Section of Communist International." Well, suppose they do get to using the word "affiliated." It means the same thing. They know it, and you should know it. The Communist Party of the U. S. A. is inseparably connected with the Russian Communists—and no Communist will deny it.

Incidentally, the House of Representatives of the United States appointed a committee of seven Representatives in Congress to investigate un-American activities. This investigation is aimed, among other things, against the un-American communistic movement in this country. It is expected that this committee of distinguished Representatives from all parts of the country will report back to the Seventy-sixth Congress, in January, 1939, its findings as to the un-American activities of the Communists and recommend the necessary legislation to stop the subversive activities which menace our form of government. It is about time we did this. Let us all hope we are not too late.

This Communist International, of which the Communist Party of the United States of America is the American section, or "affiliated," is a union of Communist parties in various countries. It is the world Communist Party, and, as its constitution says, is "the leader and organizer of the world revolutionary move-

ment of the proletariat and the protagonist of the principles and aims of Communism." As I have already told you, the New York Convention elected the world leaders of Communism to their Honorary Presiding Committee.

The Communist International, according to its constitution, "fights for the establishment of the world dictatorship of the proletariat, for the establishment of a world union of Socialist Soviet Republics." That sounds neither like "peace" nor "democracy," but it is the gospel of Mr. William Z. Foster, Mr. Earl Browder, and all the other Communists, here and abroad.

Let me quote the words from the program of this Communist International, a program printed and distributed at Communist headquarters in New York City, which is under the direction of Mr. Earl Browder, the principal exponent of Communist "democracy" and "peace" in the United States.

The Communists disdain to conceal their views and aims. They openly declare that their aims can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all the existing social conditions. Let the ruling class tremble at a Communist revolution. The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win.

Workers of all countries, unite!

This is the same Mr. Earl Browder who recently "regretted" that in the last Presidential election the Communists had "supported" Mr. Roosevelt while they did not "indorse" him. Even the liberal views of our great President does not satisfy these revolutionists.

Mr. Browder further referred sarcastically to Mr. Roosevelt as "just a middle of the road President." "He isn't even a left-wing Democrat," said Mr. Browder.

To the Communist, the "Leftist" movement means revolution—the overthrow of our established institutions, political, economic, social, and religious—in fact the overthrow of all we know as America. Thank God

that, in spite of Communistic support, our President has not subscribed to that program. Neither has the American people. As soon as their eyes are open, and please God, that may not be too late, they will smite this "public enemy number one" and drive it back to its motherland—Russia—before it drives us into another World War. At this very moment there are two major wars going on in the world—in China and in Spain—and let me say without fear of contradiction that Communism was the cause of both of them.

Please let me say with all the earnestness at my command, awake America!

No one can be an American and a Communist at the same time.

Awake all Americans to this greatest menace of all our time—Communism!

What Pope Pius XI Thinks About Communism

IN the beginning Communism showed itself for what it was in all its perversity; but very soon it realized that it was thus alienating the people. It has therefore changed its tactics, and strives to entice the multitudes by trickery of various forms, hiding its real designs behind ideas that in themselves are good and attractive. Thus, aware of the universal desire for peace, the leaders of Communism pretend to be the most zealous promoters and propagandists in the movement for world amity. Yet at the same time they stir up a class-warfare which causes rivers of blood to flow, and, realizing that their system offers no internal guarantee of peace, they have recourse to unlimited armaments.

Under various names which do not suggest Com-

munism, they establish organizations and periodicals with the sole purpose of carrying their ideas into quarters otherwise inaccessible. They try perfidiously to worm their way even into professedly Catholic and religious organizations.

Again, without receding an inch from their subversive principles, they invite Catholics to collaborate with them in the realm of so-called humanitarianism and charity; and at times even make proposals that are in perfect harmony with the Christian spirit and the doctrine of the Church. Elsewhere they carry their hypocrisy so far as to encourage the belief that Communism, in countries where faith and culture are more strongly entrenched, will assume another and much milder form. It will not interfere with the practice of religion. It will respect liberty of conscience. There are some even who refer to certain changes recently introduced into Soviet legislation as a proof that Communism is about to abandon its program of war against God.

See to it, Venerable Brethren, that the Faithful do not allow themselves to be deceived! Communism is intrinsically wrong, and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any undertaking whatsoever. (*Encyclical Divini Redemptoris*, March 19, 1937.)

The Pope, the Communists and the Nazis

MICHAEL CARDINAL FAULHABER

One of the latest calumnies against the Catholic Church to be spread in Germany is that the Pope is making common cause with the Communists against the Nazis. The charge is so absurd that it could not impress any reasonable person. Cardinal Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, dealt with the subject in one of his sermons. As he anticipated, publication of the sermon was prohibited in the muzzled press of Germany. Reprinted from the Rock, June, 1938.

AN incendiary spark has been thrown into the midst of our people which, in the present poisoned atmosphere, is intended to raise a conflagration of hatred against the Papacy. A falsehood and an injustice are being inserted into the history of our time and of the Papacy on the subject of the Pope's altered peace offer to Communism, to the effect that the Pope harbors a secret love for Bolshevism, and has come to terms with Moscow. The idea that the Pope and the Catholics could be secretly leagued with Moscow is so ludicrous, so impossible, so insulting, that it can only have been conceived in a diseased brain. In her moral laws the Church defends private property, and would she associate with people who are out to suppress all private property, to transform it into collective State ownership? The Church prohibits violent revolution; would she associate with people who look upon class war and world revolution as their highest ideal? The Church is the messenger of religion and the guardian of the true faith in God; would she associate with people who strip the Church, kill her priests and promote atheism? There is no standpoint in the world that condemns Communism and Bolshevism with such decision, and in

the name of God, as the Church. In Spain, Communist ferocity wreaked itself first on the priests and the Religious Orders, evidence that the Bolshevists regard the Catholics as their worst enemies. Is it not, then, foolish to affirm that the assassins and martyrs in Spain were secret allies?

DECLARATION OF THE BISHOPS

No less clear and resolute were the utterances of the German Bishops in their pastoral letters and in their sermons. In 1936 they published two collective pastoral letters against Communism, one on August 1, the other on Christmas Eve. In August they visualized the possibility of seeing the German nation forming a solid barrier opposed to Communism. In their Christmas pastoral the Bishops emphasized that the contrast between night and day, between water and fire, could not be greater than that between the Catholic Church and Bolshevism, and that nothing but hatred for the Church could invent the absurd idea of Catholics planning the triumph of Bolshevism to the detriment of the Reich. Was it possible for anybody not to hear the voices of the Pope and the Bishops?

And after all these declarations is it still possible for the press, as it did the other day, to ask: Why has the Pope nothing to say? Why are there no sermons, no pastorals against Bolshevism?

The Pope, the Bishops, the preachers did speak, but the German people is left in the dark, because the press, the wireless, did not quote one word from the pastorals. They wish the people to know nothing of all this, in order to leave unanswered the calumny that Catholicism is the ally of Bolshevism. Moreover, towards the middle of December, 1937, the police confiscated the last copies of the Papal Encyclical against Communism, and prohibited the circulation of pastorals and Encyclicals in pamphlet form.

PRESS CONTROL

The same fate awaits, of course, the sermon I am now preaching. And yet the best way of preventing distortions in the foreign press would be to verify and control the sense and tenor of a sermon. A preacher is assumed to take full responsibility for what he says, but he cannot take any responsibility for what he does not say, and what reporters invent.

A few weeks ago a Munich paper repeated the accusation that Pius XI had stretched out his hand to Communism and offered an alliance; and it announced on January 6, 1938, that the Pope had declared himself ready to collaborate with the Communists. What is the truth of this? In his consistorial allocution of December 15, and in a personal interview with Cardinal Verdier, the Holy Father expressed the following thoughts: "God has prolonged my life for the purpose of carrying on, as the Father of Christendom, the tradition of love." It was during his illness that he felt an overwhelming compassion for the sufferers, who from all parts of the world turned to him. And in those days of hatred and sanguinary wars he sent a message of love to all those who suffered, however far they were wandering away from the Church; and as Vicar of Christ, and in his compassion for the multitude, he recommended not to smother the smallest spark of good will. "We have nothing to transmit but the tradition of love," said His Holiness, "and from wherever the appeal comes, We can only answer: In the name of Christ, Who loves you, We greet you."

COMMUNISM CONDEMNED

First of all, these words of the Holy Father have in no way eradicated the difference between the Church and the heresy of Communism; they have not bridged the gap between truth and error, between Christ and Antichrist; they have not revoked his Encyclical of

March 19, 1937. Communism remains, as it ever was, condemned as opposed to natural law, as destructive of the social order. Whoever wants to save Christian civilization, cannot collaborate with Communism. The Holy Father, in his message to Cardinal Verdier, said again to the Communists: "Your doctrine is not ours, and our martyrs (those of Spain) died in defence of our doctrine." And the Pope added: "But We wish to help the workers, and to defend their rights. We wish to contribute to the pacification of all men in justice and in love." The Holy Father offers his hand to the workers. Reconciliation and collaboration with Communism is not possible, but reconciliation with the workers who have been won over to Communism is possible. One may love the patient without loving his disease. One may stretch out one's hand to the wanderer without encouraging his error.

Then again, the Holy Father declared that from France many hands are stretched out to him, as in that country many circles, chiefly intellectual, are stirred by religious nostalgia. The Holy Father is ready to seize every hand that reaches out to him, but not at the expense of truth.

On March 11, 1933, the Fuehrer of the Reich said to the workers of Berlin: "We offer our hand to all." And on another occasion he said: "We shall destroy Marxism, but shall win over the Marxist worker to our cause." At bottom it was the same thought, expressed differently, as the Pope's. If the hand outstretched to the Fuehrer was justly interpreted as political wisdom, the hand offered to the Pope cannot by the same token signify an alliance with Communism.

Thirdly, the Communist Congress, held in Arles at the end of December, 1937, quoted the phrase of the outstretched hand from the Pope's consistorial allocution and Cardinal Verdier's message, without taking notice of the conditions laid down by the Pope, and spoke of a reconciliation between Catholicism and Com-

munism. The two French Cardinals, who personally heard the Pope's words in Rome, promptly replied to the Communists.

POLITICS AND RELIGION

The German Bishops are accused of indulging in political Catholicism in their pastorals and sermons. In our country any policeman has the right to decide what is political, and what is religious Catholicism. But the Pope and the Bishops do not acknowledge the Government's right to decide where religious Catholicism ends, and where political Catholicism begins. The laws of the moral order, of sincerity, of justice, of charity and of fidelity are religious Catholicism, not political. To comment on the doctrine of the Church, and on the meaning of the Concordat, is not political, but religious Catholicism. To refute lies and defend the truth, to protect the Pope against calumnies is religious, not political Catholicism.

For us Jesus Christ will ever be our people's destiny, in death or resurrection. Every century must carry on the work of civilization; every people must provide for its own future; but none will remove the foundation stone and lay another to take its place. At this solemn hour the Pope's hand remains stretched out to us. Whoever is not allied with Communism, cannot compromise with that heresy; but however far away from the Church you stand, the Pope's hand reaches out to you: "In the name of Christ Who loves you, We greet you." The Holy Father has recommended to the Apostleship of Prayer the special intention of a complete victory over Communism. It is in this act of prayer that he offers us his hand, and sends to the clergy and the people his apostolic benediction.

Stalin, the Terrified?

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A PHENOMENA has appeared in Soviet Russia that has scarcely been known for twenty years. This is the appearance of mysterious leaflets, some typed, some multigraphed, some even printed, attacking the great Stalin. Now to attack Stalin, figurehead of Soviet Power, is to attack one of the most highly organized all-pervading, and deadly forces at work in the world today. It is courting sudden death, or at least long terms of imprisonment under conditions which are in themselves a living death. As M. Stolypine has told us, the population of the Soviet internment camps, last year, was some seven millions. In the face of a terrorism difficult for us in a free country to realize, these leaflets find their way, daily, into factories, being often left upon officials' desks, in lavatories, on the floor. These leaflets denounce Stalin as the real enemy of the people, they speak freely of "the mad man Stalin." Is Russian history repeating itself? That careful student of Russia, Maurice Baring, tells us, in *The Russian People*, that Ivan the Terrible should be called not Ivan the Terrible but rather Ivan the Terrified. Is not terror akin to madness? Is Russia today groaning under the tyranny of *Stalin the Terrified*?